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TAGS PARM, PREL, ETTC, MTCRE, KSCA, IN, IR

SUBJECT: FOLLOWING-UP WITH INDIA ON THE XXXXXXXXXXXX GRAPHITE

CASE (S)

REF: A. 07 STATE 141892 B. 07 STATE 158831 C. 07 NEW DELHI 5058 D. 07 NEW DELHI 5107 E. 07 STATE 167377 F. 07 NEW DELHI 5333 G. LOWE E-MA  
Classified By: ISN/MTR DIRECTOR PAM DURHAM FOR REASONS 1.4 (B), (D).

1. (U) This is an action request. Please see paragraph 6.

2. (S) Background: In October 2007, we shared with Indian officials information indicating that India's XXXXXXXXXXXX had offered French-origi

3. (S) In November, we learned that XXXXXXXXXXXX was working to ship additional consignments of graphite to Ward, and that Indian officials we

4. (S) In December, we shared with the GOI information indicating that four to five tons of graphite being readied at a XXXXXXXXXXXX warehouse

5. (S) Objectives: We now want to follow-up with Indian officials on this case, and request information concerning the status or whereabouts c

6. (U) Action Request: Department requests Embassy New Delhi approach appropriate host government officials to deliver the talking points in F

7. (S) Begin talking points/non-paper:

(SECRET REL INDIA)

-- We would like to follow-up on a matter of potential proliferation concern we discussed with you previously.

-- In October 2007, we shared information with you indicating that the Indian company XXXXXXXXXXXX offered to provide 255 blocks of French-or

-- We alerted you to this activity because we believed Ward Commercial Company may have been seeking this graphite on behalf of Iran's missile

-- Ward Commercial Company has previously worked to procure items on behalf of Iran's liquid-fueled ballistic missile developer, the Shahid Hem

-- On November 20, we expressed our concerns that XXXXXXXXXXXX was working to ship additional consignments of graphite to Ward, and that we wer

-- We also advised you that XXXXXXXXXXXX was likely readying additional graphite shipments to Iran.

-- We were pleased to hear on November 21 that your government had prevented the onward shipment to Iran of the graphite being held at the Mumt

-- In December 2007, we informed you that four to five tons of graphite being readied for shipment to Ward had been removed from XXXXXXXXXXXX's

-- You subsequently informed us that your government had not cleared the graphite shipment for export because its investigation was not yet com

-- In early January, India advised the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi that nothing had gone to the final destination, and that your government had t

-- We remain very concerned about this case, and would be interested in hearing any information you can provide regarding the status or whereat

-- We would appreciate any updates you can share with us concerning actions your government has taken to prevent the shipment of this graphite

-- We also want to share with you new information identifying the intended end-user of the graphite as the Sahand Aluminum Parts Industrial Cor

-- We understand that as of late January 2008, Ward was continuing its efforts to procure this graphite from XXXXXXXXXXXX on behalf of SAPICO.

-- We hope this information is useful in your efforts to prevent this graphite from being shipped to Iran's ballistic missile program, and woul

End talking points/non-paper.

8. XXXXXXXXXXXX

9. (U) XXXXXXXXXXXX. RICE

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